REMARKS

Status of Case

Claims 1-6 have been cancelled. Claims 7-29 are pending in this case. Claims 7, 16, and 23 are independent claims.

Double Patenting

Claims 7-14 were provisionally rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-13 of copending U.S. Application No. 10/514,685. Applicants submit a terminal disclaimer to overcome the rejection.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §103

Claims 7-9 and 11-14 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Jguru "Introduction to Cobra" (hereinafter "the Jguru reference") in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,848,232 (Lermuzeaux et al.).

Applicants present amended claim 7, which recites the following:

> an object generation manager that determines whether to generate a perfect encapsulated object or an imperfect encapsulated object based on reliability of one application program among the one or more application programs, . . . the object generation manager allows the object generator to generate . . . the imperfect encapsulated object if it is determined to generate an imperfect encapsulated object

See also claims 16 and 23 ("analyzing at least one of the application program or the data set" and "determining whether to generate an imperfect encapsulated object or a perfect encapsulated object based on the analysis of the application program or the data set").

Applicants note that claim 10 is not rejected based on the cited art (and only rejected under obviousness-type double patenting). Claim 10 presently recites that "the object generator generates a perfect encapsulated object . . . when the object generator is not allowed by the object generation manager to generate the imperfect encapsulated object."
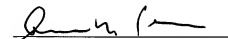
Consistent with this, none of the cited references including the Jguru reference or Lermuzeaux reference teach any determination whether to generate a perfect encapsulated object or an imperfect encapsulated object. In fact, the Jguru reference does not teach any determination at all. Likewise, the Lermuzeaux reference does not teach any such determination,

and is only cited for teaching making a secure collaboration between objects. Applicants therefore respectfully contend that the claims as currently presented distinguish over the cited art.

SUMMARY

If any questions arise or issues remain, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the number listed below in order to expedite disposition of this application.

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